

to  
BEAU FRIEDLANDER

October 21, 1940

Dear Mr. Friedlander:

I've just received your note of October 14. Yes, I did receive your letter of October 2. Within a day or so after receiving it I wrote an answering letter, dated October 9. Since October 9 was a Friday and since the guards do not pick up mail on Saturdays, I had to wait over the weekend before mailing the letter; and it was a long weekend because, for reasons unknown to me, Monday, October 12, was treated as a holiday here at the prison. Thus I was unable to give the letter to an officer until October 13, which meant that it was not delivered to the post office until October 14, at the earliest. Typical turnaround time for my correspondence is two or three weeks— with luck.

It's as well that you sent me your October 14<sup>th</sup> note, though, since, on rereading your letter of October 2 I notice that I neglected to answer a couple of questions that you asked.

In your first paragraph you asked whether it would be appropriate for us to address each other by our given names. Yes, that will be fine. You can address me as Ted, and, with your permission, in my next letter I will begin addressing you as Beau.

In a handwritten postscript to the original copy of your October 2 letter you asked whether you would be allowed to send me things. I can be sent such items as books, documents,

envelopes, and not much else. Possibly at some time in the future I will take advantage of your offer and ask for a book or two. I do thank you for the offer.

Best regards,

Teal Kaczynski